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I can't believe that the Dept of Justice is proposing a settlement where in you are extending Microsoft's Monopoly power! you are about to let them get a foothold into another area of commerce, namely the schools. This is the only area of the computer industry where Microsoft isn't in the majority. Don't you realize that even as their attorneys were negotiating with the DOJ that Microsoft was still bullying computer manufacturers over Windows XP. When will you learn that Microsoft doesn't play fair. Time and time again the expressed interest in one company and silently developed a competitive product after accessing their secrets and then dropping their offer to merge.

This proposed settlement is only another advance for Microsoft. A real settlement would be for them to donate millions or billions directly to the affected school districts and let the districts decide how to spend the money. Also give monies to the affected corporations named in the lawsuits so they can truly compete with "the Evil Empire" Microsoft.

thanks for reading this

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